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wherein $MVTR_{CAS}$ is the MVTR in the direction away from the copolyetherester-containing layer and tie layer and towards the substrate layer, and $MVTR_{SAC}$ is the MVTR in the direction away from the substrate layer and towards the tie layer and copolyetherester-containing layer.

2. (amended) A laminate structure according to claim 1, wherein the moisture vapor control layer is comprised of polyethylene, polypropylene, or a copolymer thereof comprising ethylene and/or propylene as the main repeating units.

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7. (amended) A laminate structure according to claim 6 wherein the bonding strength between the substrate layer, the moisture vapor control layer, the tie layer and the copolyetherester-containing layer, measured according to ISO 2411, is at least 1 N/m.

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11. (amended) A laminate structure according to claim 1 wherein the ratio of $MVTR_{CAS} / MVTR_{SAC}$ is at least about 1.5.

12. (amended) A laminate structure according to claim 1, further comprising:
(v) an adhesive or primer adjacent the copolyetherester-containing layer on a surface of the copolyetherester-containing layer remote from the tie layer, and
(vi) a second substrate layer comprising at least 50 weight percent of a polyolefin, said second substrate layer being adjacent to the adhesive or primer on a surface of the adhesive or primer remote from the copolyetherester-containing layer.

REMARKS

Applicants have reviewed the Examiner's Office Action dated July 17, 2002. In the Office Action, the Examiner made a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121, requested a post office address for Applicants, objected to claims 1-12 in view of an informality in claim 1, rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Applicants have deleted claims 3 and 10, and have amended claims 1, 2, 7, 11 and 12. Reconsideration of present application, including pending claims 1, 2, 4-9, 11 and 12, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is requested.

The Examiner made a requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 that Applicants restrict the application to the invention of claims 1-12 (Group I), claims 13-15 (Group II), or claims 16-21 (Group III). During a telephone conversation, the